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Viewing cable 06SANJOSE2237, SECURITY MINISTER TO VISIT U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND

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06SANJOSE2237	2006-10-11 23:00	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy San Jose

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SUBJECT: SECURITY MINISTER TO VISIT U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND
AND NEW MEXICO IN SEARCH OF ASSISTANCE

REF: SAN JOSE 2113

Classified By: Ambassador Mark Langdale per 1.4 (d).

¶1. (C) Minister of Public Security Fernando Berrocal has requested Embassy assistance in organizing an official visit to U.S. Southern Command, preferably on Wednesday, November 15, 2006. The visit would coincide with an official visit with Governor Bill Richardson of New Mexico that will take place November 12-14. If the visit to SouthCom is approved, Berrocal would return to Costa Rica on November 16, 2006. The purpose of both visits is to explore possibilities for security assistance to Costa Rica. Berrocal has indicated to local media that he will sign an assistance agreement with Richardson during his visit to New Mexico.

¶2. (C) According to his staff, the agreement Berrocal wishes to sign is a State Partnership Program (SPP) agreement in which the U.S. National Guard, in coordination with SouthCom, would provide assistance to Costa Rica through exercises and training opportunities. The Embassy supported Costa Rica's request to participate in the SPP (although we have no opinion as to whether New Mexico is the proper partner for Costa Rica--see reftel). According to informal indications from J-5 at SouthCom, approval of a New Mexico-Costa Rica SPP program is likely and should occur in time for the November visit.

¶3. (U) ACTION REQUEST: Please advise status of and likely timetable for SPP decision for Costa Rica.
LANGDALE